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■ Movies this week: 'Lakeview Terrace' (above), 'Quarantine' and 'Body of Lies'

Education

Force Development Flight closure notice — The Force Development Flight (Education Office, Base Training and Military Testing) will be closed today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an official office function. Scheduled testing will not be impacted. POC is Force Development Flight at 15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil.

POST 9/11 MGIB update

— The new Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch. 33) will be implemented Aug. 1, 2009. Current information and frequently asked questions can be obtained from the VA Web site: www.gibill.va.gov. The Post 9/11 GI Bill final guidelines will probably be out late summer '09. Local POC is the Force Development Flight at 15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil.

Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) — Spouses of active-duty Air Force members may be eligible for STAP funds to go to college. Applications will be accepted from Nov. 17 through Dec. 8 for classes with a term start date of January, February or March 2009. Applications are available in Rm. 103 of Hangar 2 or online at www2.hickam.af.mil/units/15m ssaafrf/index.asp under Air Force Aid Society. For more information, contact the Force Development Flight at 15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil.

New AWC testing dates — In addition to the Thursdays at 1 p.m. test option, Force Development Flight has added an additional weekly test date on Mondays at 8 a.m. This is to accommodate personnel needing to take the AWC 16th edition short answer test or the online tests for AWC 17th edition. To schedule testing, email 15MSS.DPE@hickam.af.mil and provide your name, SSN (at least last four digits), PME type and requested test date.

CCAF offices have moved

— Effective immediately, the Community College of the Air Force offices will be located at Gunter Annex instead of Maxwell AFB. All college transcripts being sent to CCAF for evaluation need to be sent to CCAF/DFRS, 100 South Turner Road, Gunter Annex, AL 36114. For more information, contact Timothy Smith with the Hickam Education Office at timothy.smith2@hickam.af.mil.

AECP Commissioning applicants — Individuals applying for the Feb 2009 AECP program need to contact Ali Scanlon with the Force Development Flight at 449-6363, ext. 228, or at Alisha.scanlon@hickam.af.mil by Nov. 21 to set up an appointment for the initial package review. AECP details are available online at http://www.au.af.mil/au/holm-center/.



By 15th Services Squadron Marketing

You could be just a click away from being discovered as the Air Force's next great talent. Wherever you are in the world, you're just minutes away from an audition. Just go to the new Air Force
Entertainment Web site —
topsinblue.com — where
you'll be able to fill out an
application and upload your
audition online. This new,
easy-to-use design is how the
Air Force will find raw, budding, or expert talent from the

Internet-savvy generation.

The 2009 talent call — "Mission Audition" — reaches out to applicants with all types of talent ... vocalists, instrumentalists, dancers and nonmusical talent, such as comedians, dramatists and magicians, are all encouraged to submit an

application and audition video for consideration.

Eligible members with technical skills, such as audio, lighting, staging, video and even drivers, are being recruited, as well. Active-duty and Reserve Airmen and Air National Guard members are

all eligible to compete.
The 2009 Talent Search

The 2009 Talent Search deadline is Dec. 2. Top applicants will vie for the prestigious first- and second-place trophies during the Air Force Worldwide Talent Search com-

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By Dr. Philip Breeze 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs chief

A heart surgeon had been taking his sports car to the same mechanic for years. One day, as the mechanic closed the hood after installing a new fuel injector, he remarked to the surgeon, "Imagine, you're a high-paid heart surgeon but you have to come to me for something as simple as installing a fuel injector."

To which the surgeon replied, "Yeah, well let me see you install it while the engine's still running."

Warrior of the Week Staff Sgt. Erin Smith may not be a heart surgeon, yet, but she knows how to undertake a complex operation and "keep the engine running" at the same time.

While PBD720 and AFSO21 have cut the manning in 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs by more than half during her tour with Team Hickam, Sergeant Smith has cheerfully and skillfully taken on tasks usually associated with NCOs of significantly higher rank and longer service.





Photo by Dr. Philip Breeze

Staff Sgt. Erin Smith, 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, knows how to undertake a complex operation and 'keep the engine running' at the same time.

During the most recent exercise, Sergeant Smith was the EET for PA. During the previous month's exercise, she was the only active-duty member in the office at the time.

And there is no turning down the ops tempo in PA during an exercise. The phones continue to ring, congressional queries still have to be addressed, reporters' phone calls have to be returned and the answers to questions tracked down. Community events, such as last Saturday's Makahiki — and the detailed planning they entail — continue to loom with no regard for whether there is an exercise underway.

All a "day off" in PA means is that sometimes you get to come to work in civvies. But even that isn't a given. After helping set up the tents and arrange seating for the Makahiki, the sergeant changed from her civvies into her uniform and grabbed a camera to document the event.

Even when she is invited to an event, the invitation often comes with a postscript: bring your camera and take a few

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Hickam celebrates Makahiki



A traditional Island paddler (standing, center) represents Lono, the Hawaiian god of the harvest, as he and his entourage sail into Hickam Harbor as part of last Saturday's celebration of Makahiki. The celebration, which marks the beginning of the Hawaiian harvest season, included performances by tradtional Hawaiian dancers, as well as a symbolic offering of fruits and flowers to 'Lono' by base officials.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Erin Smith

Customer Feedback Survey drives Airmen's programs

By Hickam Kukini staff

Each year, Headquarters
Air Force Services conducts a
Customer Feedback Survey to
assess customer satisfaction
with base-level Services programs. Customers will still be
able to answer the survey
online or complete the paper
survey on the spot while they
are visiting an activity.

The online survey was a great success last year and 15th Services Squadron members are looking forward to even more surveys being completed online this year. The online survey allows you to respond

quickly either at the activity or from the comfort of your own home. To save time, the online version is designed to only present questions about activities you and your family participate in. This reduces the time it takes to complete the survey.

"We want you to let your opinions be known," said Lt. Col. Timothy Telega, 15th Services commander. "Your responses will help make a difference in the programs the A1 community offers to you, your family and the entire Hickam community. We here

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Enjoy Thanksgiving dinner at your Hickam club ...

Make it an enjoyable holiday for the whole family. Services' energetic club staff will prepare a Thanksgiving Day Buffet dinner for you next Thursday, Nov. 27. The Officers Club will hold seatings at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the lanai and at 11 a.m. in the dining room. The Enlisted Club will hold seatings at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.95 for club members and \$22.95 for non-members, \$11.50 for children ages 7-12 and \$5.95 for ages 3-6. Reservations are required. Call the Officers Club at 448-4608 or the Enlisted Club at 448-2271.

... or have Services cook it up and eat it at home

If you don't feel like cooking a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner this year, let Services' awesome club staff do it for you for a mere \$69.95 (psst ... club members receive a \$5 discount). Meals will be ready for pick-up Thursday morning, Nov. 27, between 9 and 11 a.m. For more information or to place your order, call the Officers Club at 448-4608 or the Enlisted Club at 448-2271.

Burn off those Turkey Day pounds next Friday

Free yourself from the guilt of enjoying your Thanksgiving celebration by entering Services' Calorie Burn-off Aerobathon and Spinathon, next Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. Just spin the stuffing away! This event is free to all ID card holders — no sign-up required ... just show up and get ready to sweat. For more information, call the Fitness & Sports Center at 488-2214.

Uninterrupted shopping ... courtesy of Services

Attention, parents! Get a jump on your holiday shopping and leave the kids with Services at the Youth Fitness & Sports Center next Saturday, Nov. 29, from 2 to 7 p.m. Cost is just \$25 for kids ages 5-12 years for five full hours of shopping bliss, but you must register by next Wednesday. For more information, call 448-4492.

The 'Year of Astronomy' to stop at Hickam Library

Hickam Library was chosen as one of only 40 libraries nationwide to showcase the upcoming 'Year of Astronomy' Traveling Exhibit coming in 2009. For details, call the library at 449-8299.

Go 'Holo Holo' and enjoy Honolulu City Lights

Hickam ITT's Honolulu City Lights Tour will run from Monday, Dec. 8, through Tuesday, Dec. 23, so all aboard the Holo Holo Trolley for a hassle-free family event. The trolley takes you from Hickam to downtown Honolulu to tour the beautiful Christmas light displays, Hawaii style! This year's holiday lights display promises to be the best ever, so don't wait — make your reservation today. Call ITT at 448-2295.

Check out these hiking, biking and windsurfing specials at Outdoor Rec

Next weekend promises to be an exciting one at Hickam Outdoor Recreation. The facility is conducting a windsurfing Special along with a hike/bike trip to Kaena Point. The windsurfing trip takes place on Saturday, Nov. 29, and the bike/hike on Sunday, Nov. 30. For reservations and details, call ODR at 449-5215.

It's the best deal on four wheels — sell your car at the Hickam Resale Lot

For just \$8 per week, you can sell your vehicle on the Hickam Resale Lot, where a crowd of motivated car buyers awaits. One- or two-week contracts are available at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Resale Store. Just bring your valid ID card, registration and proof of insurance to get your permit. For more information, call 448-9907.

HICKAM AFB (A) SERVICES Combat Support & Community Service

Holiday gifts are on sale now at Hickam golf courses

Both Mamala Bay and Ke'alohi golf courses are conducting a Thanksgiving Week Sale from tomorrow through next Saturday, Nov. 29. Come in and pick out that special gift for that special golfer on your shopping list with many namebrand golf products on sale.

Post-Thanksgiving Friday hours at the Enlisted Club

Because next Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, will be a family day for Hickam Enlisted Club employees, the club will not open until 4 p.m. and will not conduct normal Pau Hana activities. For more information, call 448-2271.

Skaters, boarders can roll all night next Saturday

Next Saturday, Nov. 29, skaters and boarders can enjoy an all-nighter at the Hickam Skate Board Hangar. The action starts at 10 p.m. when lockdown takes place. Enjoy the bowls, ramps, food and fun all night long. For more information, call the Makai Recreation Center at 449-3354.

Pro Bowl tickets are on sale now at the ITT office

The 2009 NFL Pro Bowl tickets are now on sale at the Hickam Information, Tickets & Travel office in Bldg. 1760 on Kuntz Avenue. The tickets are sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Only reservation vouchers will be on sale with actual tickets being provided at a later date. Sideline seating is \$130 per ticket; end zone \$55 each. Log on to www.hickamservices.com for details or call ITT at 448-2295.



Take our survey today and help us improve tomorrow!

Give us your feedback Dec. 1 to Jan. 15 at



It's the Annual Air Force Customer Feedback Survey. Do it online or at 15th Services facilities.



Hickam Kukini Friday, November 21, 2008 **B3**

commander of the First

48. Mature and natal lead-in

base tenant unit 50. False or counterfeit; fake

52. Runaway to marry

54. Lady you should say

goodnight to?

58. Musical instrument

64. MAJCOM First State

base is assigned

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61. Hamilton bills

56. Float57. Road

60. Pierce

53. First State base namesake; home to the 436th AW

Mortuary Affairs; First State

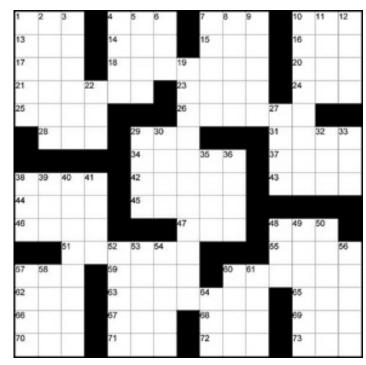
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State base

41. Sea bird

49. Charles C.

Crossword Puzzle: The First State Base



By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing

ACROSS

- 1. Sack
- 4. Start of British warships
- 7. Pig's place
- 10. Health resort
- 13. Org. catering to American service members
- 14. Paddle
- 15. Article
- 16. Barbie's pal
- 17. DoD's largest combat services support org.
- 18. Word formed by reordering the letters of another word
- 20. Desire
- 21. C-5; jet plane at the First State base
- 23. Point A to B connector
- 24. Mil. pay entitlement during a PCS
- 25. Oklahoma town home to the 71st Flying Training

- Wing 26. Ante
- 28. Mass. senator Kennedy
- 29. Former Kansas senator, presidential candidate Dole
- 31. SE Asia country
- 34. Fat
- 37. Site for a LGM-30G Minuteman
- 38. Sore
- 42. Lame
- 43. Terminates
- 44. Box
- 45. Rubberneck
- 46. Bugle
- 47. Pink Floyd's Barrett
- 48. Hallucinogenic drug popular in the 1970s
- 51. Revise or correct again, as a manuscript
- 55. Epidemic
- 57. Hawaiian dish
- 59. Ancient knowledge
- 60. Music device

- 62. Stomach muscles
- 63. Gulp
- 65. Explorer or Trailblazer
- 66. Also
- 67. Author
- 68. Adult male person
- 69. Lyrical poem
- 70. Blue ____; First State official bird
- 71. Before, poetically
- 71. Before, poetically 72. NBC competitor
- 73. Neither's literary partner

DOWN

- 1. Flinch
- 2. Inclined
- 3. Hockey net minder
- 4. Scam
- 5. A lot
- 6. USAF E-47. Deprive
- 8. Feudal lord or baron in Scotland
- 9. Middle East country; site of USS Cole bombing
- 10. C-47; plane flown at the First State base
- 11. Undress
- 12. Tennis model Kournikova
- 19. C-17; jet plane the First State base
- 22. Compute
- 27. Otherwise
- 29. Swamps
- 30. Newspaper section to avoid?
- 32. Ancient
- 33. USAF PME for O-3s
- 35. Agile
- 36. Beheld
- 38. Burn residue 39. USN E-7
- 40. Col. Steven ___; current

SUDOKU

For solution, see SUDOKU, B4

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Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield

November 22, 1963 — Following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, there is a military formation on the Hickam mall and a flight of F-102 aircraft in the "missing man" formation. During a 30-day period of mourning, many activities (such as band performances) were cancelled.

November 28, 1969 — Following their flight of the moon, Apollo 12 astronauts pass through Hickam en route to Houston, Texas.

November 23, 1982 — Hurricane Iwa strikes Hawaii, causing extensive damage on the islands of Kauai and Oahu, which were later declared disaster areas. Total damage was estimated at \$308 million statewide. Of this amount Air Force losses totaled approximately \$3,325,000 (primarily damage to structures and trees).

November 22, 1985 — The new Child Development Center opens at Hickam AFB.

November 23, 1985 — Air Force personnel turn out in force for the football game between the Air Force Academy and the University of Hawaii at Aloha Stadium.

November 26, 1991 — The 15th Air Base Wing receives an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from 1 June 1989 to 31 May 1991 (SO GB-045 dated 26 November 1991). This was the Wing's fifth AFOUA.

November 22, 2003 — Col. Raymond Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, gives a group of native Hawaiian cultural organizations and canoe clubs permission to hold a Makahiki ceremony at Hickam Harbor. The ceremony, the first to be held on the shores of Hickam in a century, was conducted in the Hawaiian language and displayed pre-Western ancient Hawaiian traditions, gift presentations, dancing, and traditional game demonstrations.

RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

For more information on Base Chapel services, call the Chapel Center at 449-1754.

CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel Weekday Mass Mon.-Thu., 11:30 a.m. Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

PROTESTANT

Chapel Center Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m. Nelles Chapel Traditional/Liturgical Service 8:30 a.m. Gospel Service 10:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Catholic) Chapel Center Sunday (Sep-May) 9:00 a.m. (Protestant) Chapel Center Sunday (Sep-May) AWANA 3:00 p.m. Wednesday Sunday School Dinner 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday Sunday School

Classes 6:00 p.m

THE GATHERING **PLACE**

Airmen's Dorm Coffeehouse King Hall First Floor Dayroom - Bldg. 1856 - All Airmen welcome! Mon.-Thu. 6-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 6-11 p.m. Free gourmet espresso, cappuccinos, Italian sodas Video games, internet,

movies and more To Volunteer, call the Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754

OTHER RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

Jewish Buddhist Orthodox Islamic

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SUDOKU, From B3

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AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday (and Thursday this week for Thanksgiving)

Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.

'Lakeview Terrace' — Not long after a young couple moves into their California dream home, they become the target of their next-door neighbor, a stern, single father who disapproves of their interracial relationship. This tightly wound LAPD officer has appointed himself the



watchdog of the neighborhood. And while his nightly foot patrols and overly watchful eyes bring comfort to some, his harassment of the newlyweds increase in intensity. These persistent intrusions into their lives ultimately turn tragic when the couple decides to fight back. Starring Samuel L. Jackson and Kerry Washington.

Rated PG-13 for intense thematic material, violence, sexuality, language and drug references. Length: 110 min.

Friday, 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

'Quarantine' — When television reporter Angela Vidal and her cameraman are assigned to spend the night shift with a Los Angeles Fire Station, they follow up on what they think is a routine 911 call. Arriving on the scene at a small apartment building, they find police officers

responding to blood-curdling screams coming from one of the units. They soon learn that a woman living in the building has been infected by something unknown. Little do these journalists know upon entering the building that it might be a one-way trip. Starring Jennifer Carpenter and Jay Hernandez.

Rated R for bloody violent/disturbing content, terror and language. Length: 99 min.



'Body of Lies' — When CIA operative Roger Ferris uncovers a lead on a major terrorist leader suspected to be operating out of Jordan, he devises a plan to infiltrate the terrorist's network. First, however, he must win the backing of cunning CIA veteran Ed Hoffman and the collegial, but perhaps suspect, head of Jordanian intelligence. Although ostensibly his allies, Ferris questions how far he can really trust these men without putting his entire operation — and his life — on the line. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe.

Rated R for strong violence, torture and language. Length: 120 min.





HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Hickam players show some mad skills



A fleet-footed Ronald Wu (center) digs in for some extra yards against determined opponents during flag football play on base early last month. For more information about the Youth Flag Football program, call Gavin Doi at 448-4492.

Photo courtesy of Hickam Sports & Fitness Center

FITNESSTIPS

Exercise: Plank with leg abduction

Muscle group: Core, upper body, buttocks, outer thighs and hips (abductor muscles)

Level: Intermediate/advanced



- 1. Start in a plank position.
- 2. Begin by drawing your abs toward your spine to activate CORE.
- 3. Maintain neutral alignment in the spine. (Avoid dropping the hips or raising the buttocks up in the air)
- 4. Hold this position until stable.
- 5. Begin by slowly moving one leg out to the side (use a small towel to slide) ... hold for a second or two then return to start position and switch to the other leg.
- 6. Perform 8-10 repetitions



Model: Tech. Sgt. Brandi Thomas

Photo and nstructions by Benny Miguel, Hickam Fitness Center fitness director

AUDITIONS, From B1

petition set for Jan. 11-19 at Lackland AFB, Texas. In addition to the trophies, contestants compete in a variety of performing arts-related programs including dance and musical auditions. These special events tied with the contest will help

evaluate the talent potential of each contestant for possible nomination to the 2009 Tops In Blue team.

For details, call Air Force Entertainment at 210-652-6566 or DSN 487-6566 or apply online at www.topsinblue.com.

SURVEY, From B1

at Services are committed to offering a variety of programs to improve the quality of life for Air Force families. These surveys help all of us at Services know what we are doing right and where we can improve."

For questions about the survey, call John Stanchfield, 15 SVS Marketing director, at 448-2209, ext. 236.



WARRIOR, From B1

notes. Kukini readers will note her byline in last week's frontpage article on the Airlift/Tankers Association meeting.

Despite the unrelenting pace, Sergeant Smith says she does not regret her career path

"I spoke with the Army recruiter, and all he wanted to do was tell me about the expensive car I could buy with the enlistment bonus. They wanted to make me a truck driver.

"The Air Force offered me personal and professional development," she said. "I've been stationed in Italy and Korea, and I met my husband here in Hawaii. I have grown and developed a lot of professional skills that will serve me well in the future." Hickam is likely to be Sergeant Smith's last duty station —for now. Her husband, a Marine Corps Public Affairs NCO at MCBH in Kaneohe, is currently attending a yearlong career development course at Syracuse University.

"He'll stay in and I'm probably going to get out and go to school," said Sergeant Smith. "I'd like to be a registered nurse. I would definitely consider coming back in the medical field."

Sergeant Erin Smith is the personification of selfless service. She never asks what's in it for her. Some people look for reasons why something can't be done. The sergeant looks for — and finds and implements — ways to get them done.